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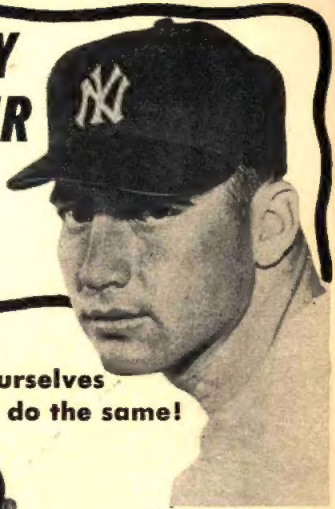
says *Mickey Mantle*



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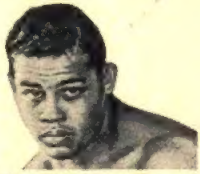

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BOB KANE

HI! REMEMBER ME? I'M **BAT-HOUND!** I'M GOING TO TELL YOU A STORY! SURE--I KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO SAY, HOW CAN A DOG TALK? BUT IF YOU STRAIN YOUR IMAGINATION, YOU'LL FIND YOU'RE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND ME ...

"WELL--MY MASTER, JOHN WILKER, DOESN'T KNOW I SECRETLY BECOME **BAT-HOUND** WHEN I'M WITH BRUCE WAYNE, SO ONE DAY..."

BRUCE, MY NEW JOB WILL KEEP ME TRAVELING CONSTANTLY, SO I WONDER IF YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE ACE A PERMANENT HOME HERE?

I'D BE GLAD TO, JOHN!

GEE, THIS IS GREAT! NOW I CAN BECOME **BAT-HOUND** MORE OFTEN!

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"SO THAT'S HOW I JOINED THE WAYNE HOUSEHOLD, ALONG WITH BRUCE, DICK GRAYSON, AND THEIR TRUSTED BUTLER, ALFRED!"
DINNER IS SERVED MAWSTER ACE!
WOW! THIS IS WHAT I CALL LIVING!
WELL, DICK--NOW WE CAN PERFECT THOSE PLANS I'VE HAD IN MIND FOR ACE!
"WE ALL WENT THROUGH THE OLD GRANDFATHER CLOCK THAT WAS THE SECRET ENTRANCE TO THE BAT-CAVE BELOW..."
LET'S GO, ACE--WE'VE GOT SOME SURPRISES IN STORE FOR YOU!
GEE, I'M SO EXCITED, I CAN HARDLY CHEW THIS BONE! I WONDER WHAT THE SURPRISES ARE?
"I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT THEM--LATER! ANYWAY, THEY BEGAN TO DISCUSS A CRIMINAL THEY WERE AFTER..."
TO CELEBRATE IT'S GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY, STACEY'S DEPARTMENT STORE WILL EXHIBIT MANY GOLD OBJECTS! KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS, DICK?
SURE! MR. MIDAS--WHO SPECIALIZES IN GOLD ROBBERIES--IS BOUND TO STRIKE THERE! WE CAN MINGLE WITH THE CROWD AND BE READY FOR HIM!
"THAT WAS A CASE I WANTED TO BE IN ON! I JUMPED UP AND BARKED EXCITEDLY AT BRUCE ..."
SORRY, ACE--YOU CAN'T COME WITH US ON EVERY CASE! BESIDES, DOGS AREN'T ALLOWED IN DEPARTMENT STORES!
SHUCKS! WE DOGS LIVE A DOG'S LIFE--SOMETIMES!
"AS I LATER FOUND OUT, BRUCE AND DICK JOINED THE CROWD VIEWING THE GOLD OBJECTS THAT HAD JUST BEEN PUT ON DISPLAY..."
GOSH! LOOK AT THAT GOLD CAR THAT WAS MADE SPECIALLY FOR AN INDIAN RAJAH!
THERE'S THE "GOOSE THAT LAID THE GOLDEN EGGS!"
"ALL OF A SUDDEN, THOSE EGGS HATCHED SOME TOUGH YEGGS!"
DICK--IT'S THE MIDAS MOB! THEY'LL BE ABLE TO GRAB UP THAT SOLID GOLD FLATWARE, AND JEWELRY BEFORE THE SPECTATORS REALIZE THEY'RE NOT PART OF THE SHOW!

"BRUCE AND DICK SLIPPED INTO A DESERTED STOCK-ROOM, AND MOMENTS LATER POPPED OUT AGAIN AS..."
BATMAN AND ROBIN! WHERE'D THEY COME FROM?
I CAN TELL YOU RIGHT NOW, WHERE YOU'RE GOING!
"SUDDENLY, ON SIGNAL, THE THUGS JUMPED INTO THE GOLD CAR AND WENT SPEEDING THROUGH THE SCATTERING CROWD..."
WHEN WE ENTER THAT SERVICE ELEVATOR, I'LL CLOSE THE DOORS SO BATMAN AND ROBIN CAN'T FOLLOW!
THEY'LL GO DOWN TO THE BASEMENT AND ESCAPE THROUGH AN EXIT! LUCKILY, WE HID THE BATMOBILE IN THE ALLEY NEARBY!
"AS THE BATMOBILE GAVE CHASE..."
FREE GOLD COINS! COME AND GET 'EM!
"SUDDENLY, THE STREET WAS JAMMED WITH PEOPLE SCRAMBLING FOR THE FAKE 'GOLD' COINS!"
MIDAS' TRICK BLOCKED US OFF!
WE CAN'T CHASE HIM NOW! ROBIN, HOP OUT AND GET THAT EMPTY "GOLD" SACK MIDAS THREW AWAY!
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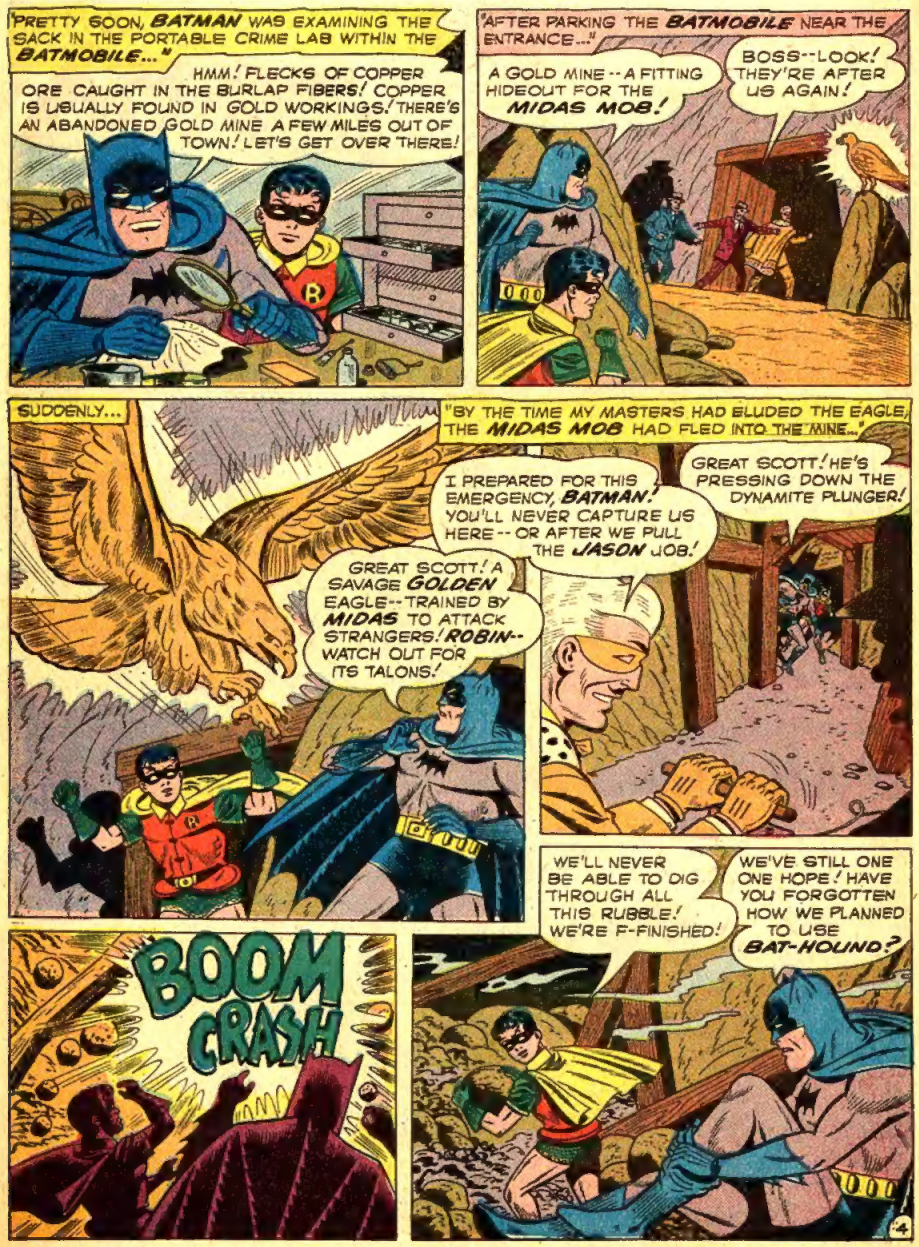
"PRETTY SOON, BATMAN WAS EXAMINING THE SACK IN THE PORTABLE CRIME LAB WITHIN THE BATMOBILE..."
HMM! FLECKS OF COPPER ORE CAUGHT IN THE BURLAP FIBERS! COPPER IS USUALLY FOUND IN GOLD WORKINGS! THERE'S AN ABANDONED GOLD MINE A FEW MILES OUT OF TOWN! LET'S GET OVER THERE!
"AFTER PARKING THE BATMOBILE NEAR THE ENTRANCE..."
A GOLD MINE--A FITTING HIDEOUT FOR THE MIDAS MOB!
BOSS--LOOK! THEY'RE AFTER US AGAIN!
SUDDENLY...
"BY THE TIME MY MASTERS HAD ELUDED THE EAGLE, THE MIDAS MOB HAD FLED INTO THE MINE..."
GREAT SCOTT! A SAVAGE GOLDEN EAGLE--TRAINED BY MIDAS TO ATTACK STRANGERS! ROBIN--WATCH OUT FOR ITS TALONS!
I PREPARED FOR THIS EMERGENCY, BATMAN! YOU'LL NEVER CAPTURE US HERE--OR AFTER WE PULL THE JASON JOB!
GREAT SCOTT! HE'S PRESSING DOWN THE DYNAMITE PLUNGER!
BOOM
CRASH
WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO DIG THROUGH ALL THIS RUBBLE! WE'RE F-FINISHED!
WE'VE STILL ONE ONE HOPE! HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN HOW WE PLANNED TO USE BAT-HOUND?
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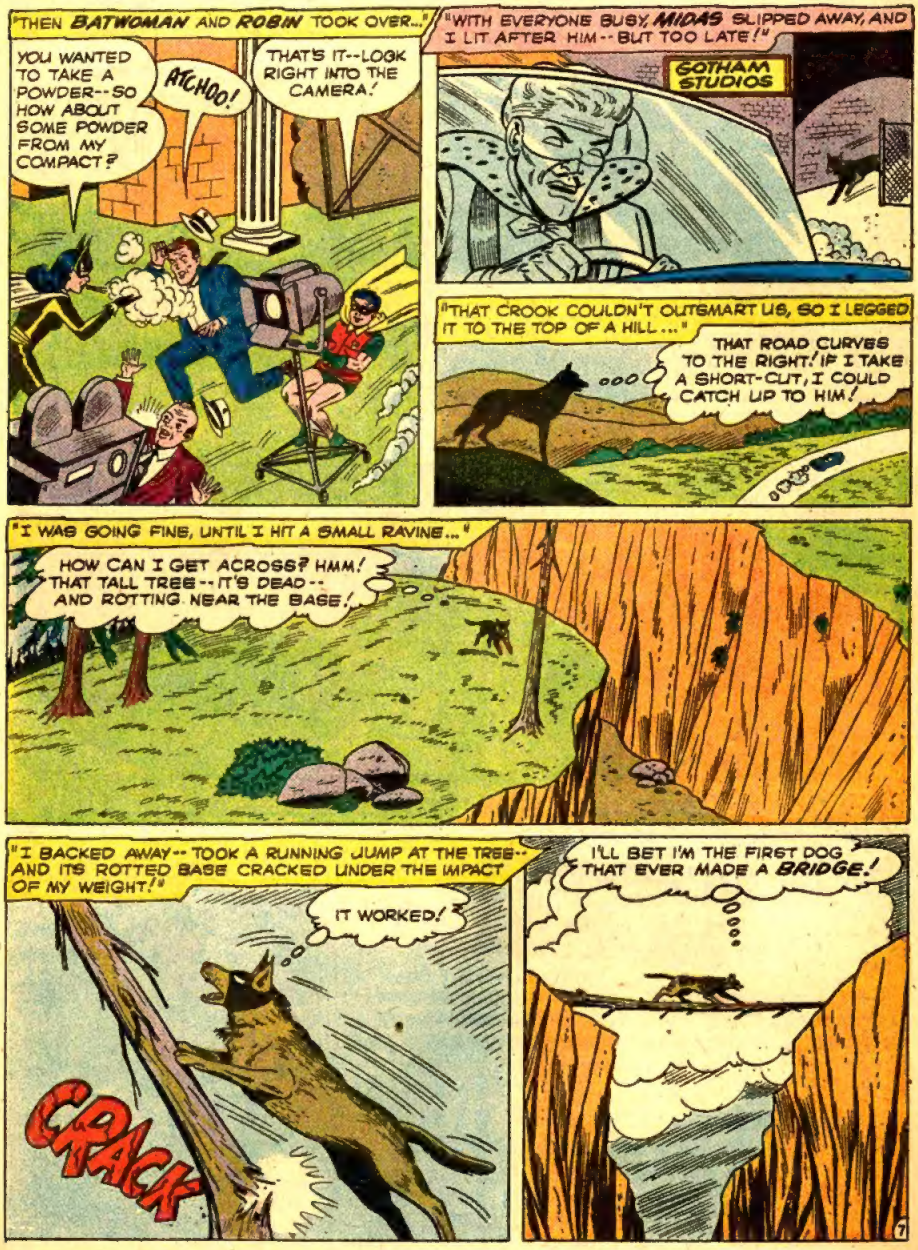
"BATMAN'S HOLLOW BOOT HEEL CONTAINED A TINY RADIO THAT TRANSMITTED A SIGNAL WHEN HE FLIPPED THE SWITCH..."
THE SIGNAL REACHED A TINY RECEIVER CONCEALED INSIDE MY COLLAR--AND IT COULD ONLY BE HEARD BY ME BECAUSE IT WAS ABOVE THE RANGE OF THE HUMAN EAR!"
BATMAN--HE'S IN TROUBLE AND NEEDS ME!
BEEP! BEEP!
"I BOLTED DOWN TO THE BAT-CAVE--AND SLIPPED INTO MY MASK, HELD BY A GADGET BATMAN HAD DEVISED..."
I SHOULD GET SOMEONE TO GO WITH ME! ALFRED?--NO, THIS IS HIS NIGHT OUT! WHO CAN I GET? I KNOW...
"I STREAKED TO THE HOUSE OF BATMAN'S FRIEND, KATHY KANE"...
BAT-HOUND!
GOOD THING I KNOW SHE'S BATWOMAN! I HOPE SHE REALIZES ALL MY BARKING MEANS I WANT HER TO FOLLOW ME!
ARRF! ARRRF!
"AFTER A SWIFT CHANGE TO HER COSTUME, SHE ACCOMPANIED ME ON THE TRAIL OF THE RADIO-BEAMED SIGNAL..."
THE SIGNAL'S STRONGER NOW! I'M GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION!
BEEP! BEEP!
"WHEN WE REACHED THE CAVE-IN, BATWOMAN REALIZED WHAT HAD HAPPENED AND DUG THEM OUT WITH A NEARBY STEAM SHOVEL..."
...SO IT WAS THE MIDAS MOB THAT IMPRISONED YOU! WHERE ARE THEY NOW?
MIDAS SAID HE WAS GOING TO DO THE "JASON JOB"--WHICH MEANS HE'LL TRY TO STEAL "THE GOLDEN FLEECE!"
BUT THAT'S ONLY A GREEK LEGEND--JASON HAD TO RECOVER A GOLDEN RAM'S FLEECE, WHICH WAS GUARDED BY A DRAGON!
A MOVIE IS BEING MADE OF IT--AND, AS A PUBLICITY STUNT, A FLEECE MADE OF PURE GOLD IS BEING USED!

"WE REACHED THE STUDIO JUST AS THE MIDAS MOB WAS TAKING OVER..."
WE LOCKED THE ACTORS AND THE CREW IN A STOCK ROOM!
GOOD! I'M GETTING THE GOLDEN FLEECE HANGING FROM THAT TREE EASIER THAN JASON DID!
"THAT'S WHEN WE CHARGED IN--THE FIGHTING FOURSOME!"
BATMAN-- ROBIN-- BATWOMAN-- AND BAT-HOUND!
"ALL OF A SUDDEN, MIDAS PUSHED THE BUTTONS ON A CONTROL PANEL, AND THE MECHANICAL 'DRAGON' WENT HAYWIRE!"
"BUT BATMAN SCOOPED UP JASON'S PROP SWORD AND SWUNG OUT ON HIS SILKEN ROPE..."
I'LL HAVE TO WORK FAST-- BEFORE THAT THING TRAMPLES THEM!
THAT DID IT! THE SWORD CUT INTO THE ROBOT-CONTROLS AND STOPPED THE MECHANICAL "DRAGON"!
"NEXT, BATMAN SWOOPED DOWN ON MIDAS' MEN, WHO WERE TRYING TO SNEAK AWAY..."
WHOA! WE HAVEN'T FINISHED WITH YOU YET!


"THEN BATWOMAN AND ROBIN TOOK OVER..."
YOU WANTED TO TAKE A POWDER--SO HOW ABOUT SOME POWDER FROM MY COMPACT?
ATCHOO!
THAT'S IT--LOOK RIGHT INTO THE CAMERA!
"WITH EVERYONE BUSY, MIDAS SLIPPED AWAY, AND I LIT AFTER HIM--BUT TOO LATE!"
GOTHAM STUDIOS
"THAT CROOK COULDN'T OUTSMART US, SO I LEGGED IT TO THE TOP OF A HILL..."
THAT ROAD CURVES TO THE RIGHT! IF I TAKE A SHORT-CUT, I COULD CATCH UP TO HIM!
"I WAS GOING FINE, UNTIL I HIT A SMALL RAVINE..."
HOW CAN I GET ACROSS? HMM! THAT TALL TREE--IT'S DEAD--AND ROTTING NEAR THE BASE!
"I BACKED AWAY--TOOK A RUNNING JUMP AT THE TREE--AND ITS ROTTED BASE CRACKED UNDER THE IMPACT OF MY WEIGHT!"
IT WORKED!
CRACK
I'LL BET I'M THE FIRST DOG THAT EVER MADE A BRIDGE!
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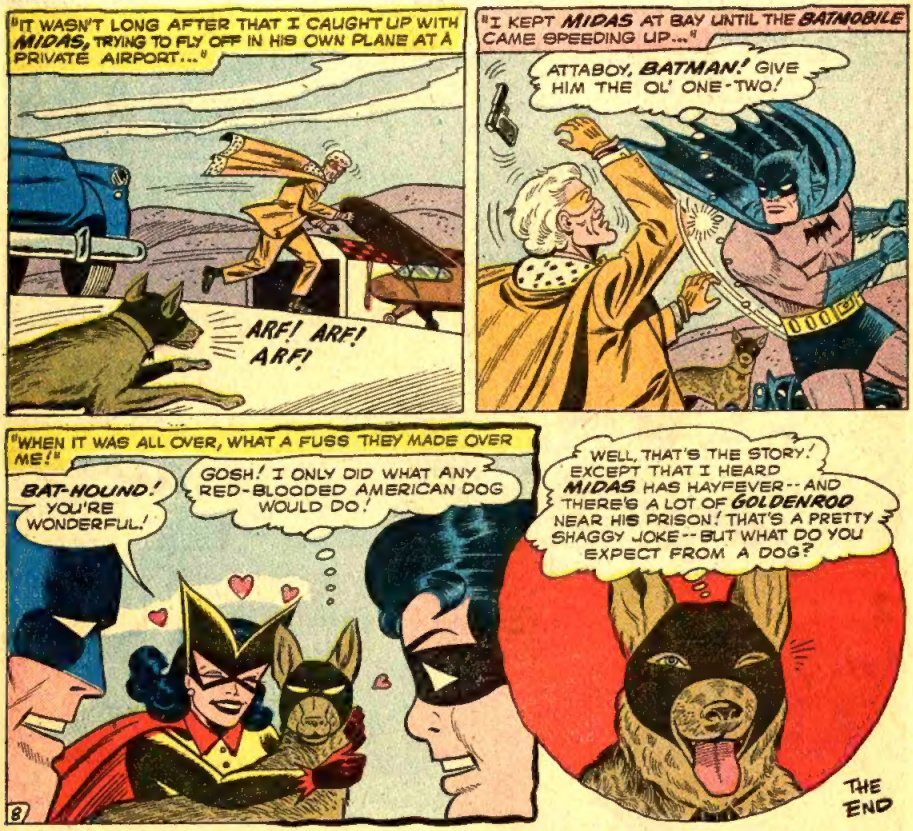
"IT WASN'T LONG AFTER THAT I CAUGHT UP WITH MIDAS, TRYING TO FLY OFF IN HIS OWN PLANE AT A PRIVATE AIRPORT..."
ARF! ARF! ARF!
"I KEPT MIDAS AT BAY UNTIL THE BATMOBILE CAME SPEEDING UP..."
ATTABOY, BATMAN! GIVE HIM THE OL' ONE-TWO!
"WHEN IT WAS ALL OVER, WHAT A FUSS THEY MADE OVER ME!"
BAT-HOUND! YOU'RE WONDERFUL!
GOSH! I ONLY DID WHAT ANY RED-BLOODED AMERICAN DOG WOULD DO!
WELL, THAT'S THE STORY! EXCEPT THAT I HEARD MIDAS HAS HAYFEVER--AND THERE'S A LOT OF GOLDENROD NEAR HIS PRISON! THAT'S A PRETTY SHAGGY JOKE--BUT WHAT DO YOU EXPECT FROM A DOG?
THE END
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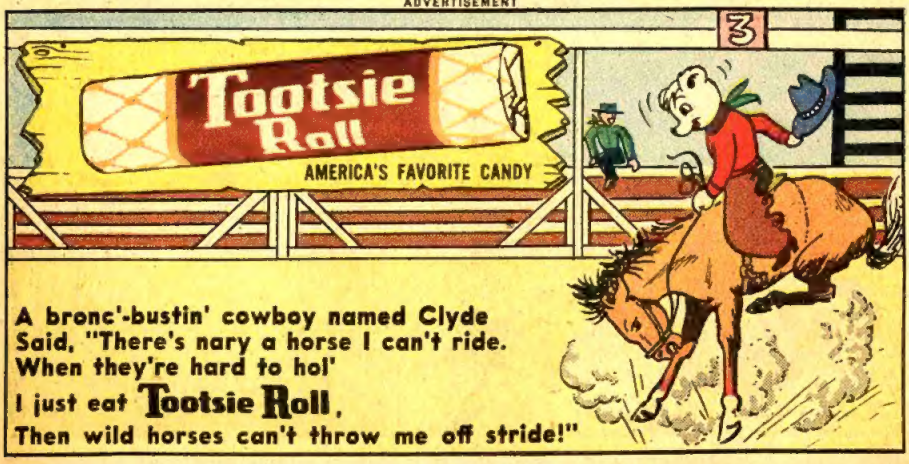
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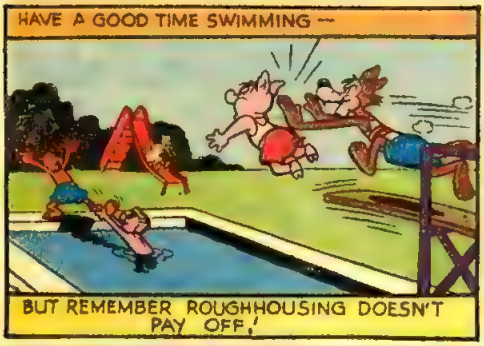

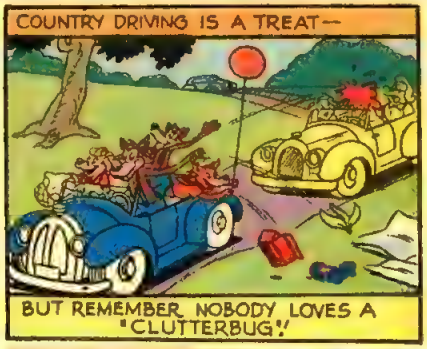

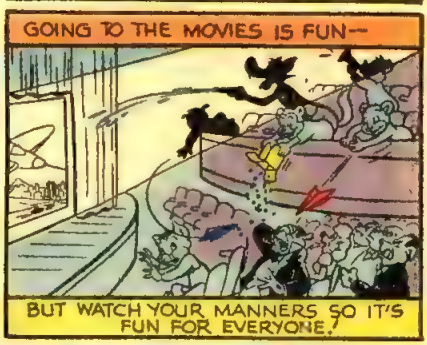

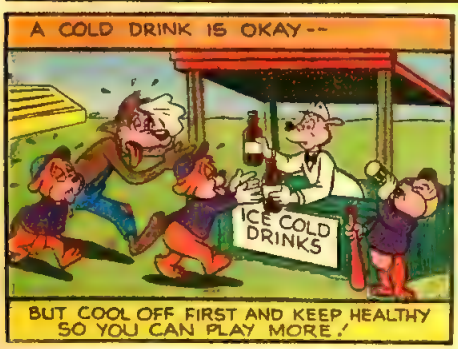

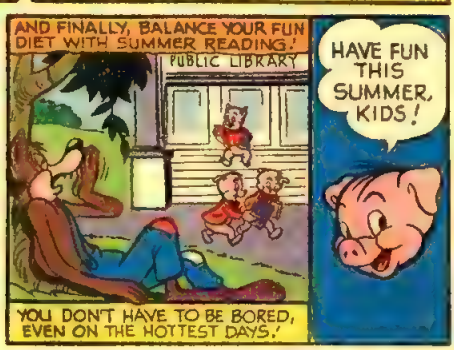
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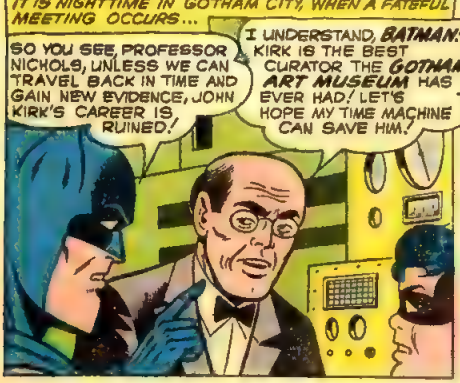
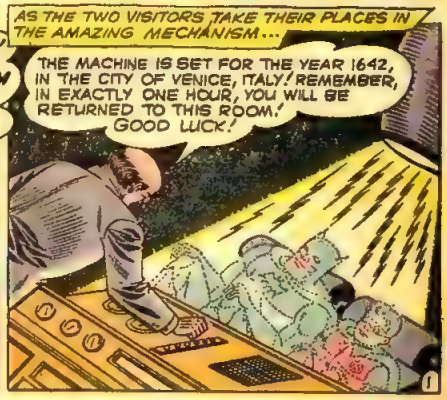
with ROBIN THE BOY WONDER
"BATMAN IS DEAD!" READ THE NEWSPAPER HEADLINE, AND ROBIN KNEW THIS WAS NO DREAM OR HOAX. FOR FATE HAD GIVEN HIM A BRIEF GLIMPSE OF THE FUTURE, WHERE HE DISCOVERED THAT HIS SENIOR PARTNER WAS LIVING OUT...
the LAST DAYS of BATMAN
MY BLADED BOLO WILL SLICE YOUR ROPE IN TWO, BATMAN.
IT'S ALL COMING TRUE! BATMAN WILL DIE NOW, JUST AS THE NEWSPAPER OF THE FUTURE SAID!
BOB KANE


IT IS NIGHTTIME IN GOTHAM CITY, WHEN A FATEFUL MEETING OCCURS...
SO YOU SEE, PROFESSOR NICHOLS, UNLESS WE CAN TRAVEL BACK IN TIME AND GAIN NEW EVIDENCE, JOHN KIRK'S CAREER IS RUINED!
I UNDERSTAND, BATMAN! KIRK IS THE BEST CURATOR THE GOTHAM ART MUSEUM HAS EVER HAD! LET'S HOPE MY TIME MACHINE CAN SAVE HIM!


AS THE TWO VISITORS TAKE THEIR PLACES IN THE AMAZING MECHANISM...
THE MACHINE IS SET FOR THE YEAR 1642, IN THE CITY OF VENICE, ITALY! REMEMBER, IN EXACTLY ONE HOUR, YOU WILL BE RETURNED TO THIS ROOM! GOOD LUCK!

A MOMENTARY SWIRL--A SPLIT SECOND OF DARKNESS--FOLLOWED BY A SUDDEN AWAKENING IN...
17TH CENTURY VENICE... IT'S MAGNIFICENT, BATMAN!
YES--BUT WE'VE NO TIME TO BE TOURISTS, ROBIN... WE MUST FIND THE STUDIO OF VERILLO, THE FAMED PAINTER!
OVER THE ROOFTOPS THEY SPEED, SAFE FROM CURIOUS EYES...
BATMAN, WHY DID THE MUSEUM COMMITTEE CHARGE THAT KIRK DELIBERATELY BOUGHT A FORGED PAINTING?
BECAUSE THE PAINTING WAS NEVER LISTED AMONG VERILLO'S WORKS! WE'VE GOT TO FIND OUT WHY!
A LONG, HURRIED SEARCH FINALLY BRINGS THEM TO THE GREAT ARTIST'S STUDIO, WHERE...
YOU ARE FOOLISH TO BUY THIS WORTHLESS PAINTING, SIGNOR BERI! I AM SO ASHAMED OF IT, I WON'T EVEN LIST IT AMONG MY WORKS!
AH--THERE'S OUR PROOF! A FAMOUS ART DEALER LIKE SIGNOR BERI PROBABLY LISTED THE PAINTING IN HIS RECORDS! THIS BREAK CAME JUST IN TIME... OUR HOUR IS UP!
BUT JUST AS PROFESSOR NICHOLS SETS THE TIME MACHINE IN REVERSE MOTION...
GOOD GRIEF--A FREAK BOLT OF HEAT LIGHTNING STRUCK MY HIGH VOLTAGE LINE! WILL IT CAUSE ANY BAD EFFECTS?
CRACKLE
NEXT INSTANT...
BATMAN! Y-YOU'RE ALONE!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? WHERE'S ROBIN?
THE ANSWER LIES ON A BUSY THOROUGHFARE IN DOWNTOWN GOTHAM CITY...
WHEW! WHAT A HEADACHE! THE PROFESSOR'S MACHINE MUST'VE SLIPPED A COG... DEPOSITED ME HERE INSTEAD OF--GOLLY! LOOK AT THAT!
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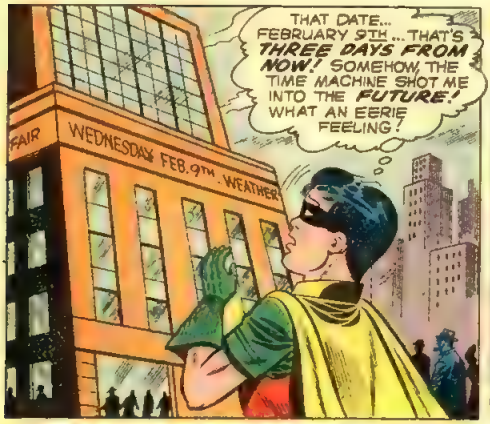
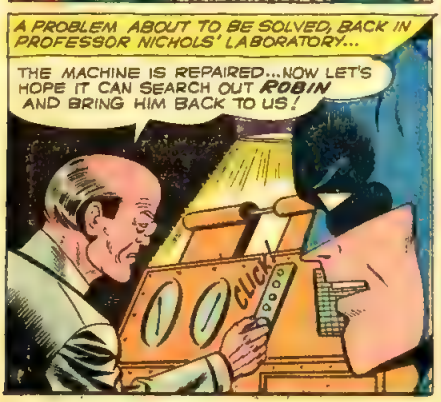

THAT DATE... FEBRUARY 9TH ...THAT'S THREE DAYS FROM NOW! SOMEHOW, THE TIME MACHINE SHOT ME INTO THE FUTURE! WHAT AN EERIE FEELING!
FAIR
WEDNESDAY FEB. 9TH - WEATHER

JUST THEN...
EXTRA! BATMAN DIES! SACRIFICES LIFE FOR ROBIN! READ ALL ABOUT IT!
WHAT--?
GOTHAM GLOBE
BATMAN IS

THROUGH TEAR-FILLED EYES, THE BOY WONDER READS A STARTLING STORY...
IT SAYS BATMAN DIED IN A FALL FROM A TV TOWER, NEAR BAY CITY, WHILE PROTECTING ME FROM A CROOK CALLED EL BOLO! SOB! WH-WHY DID YOU DO IT, BATMAN?
GOTHAM GLOBE
BATMAN IS DEAD!!

WAIT! IF I'M THREE DAYS IN THE FUTURE--AND IF I CAN GET BACK TO THE PRESENT--MAYBE I CAN PREVENT IT FROM HAPPENING! BUT HOW WILL I GET BACK?


A PROBLEM ABOUT TO BE SOLVED, BACK IN PROFESSOR NICHOLS' LABORATORY...
THE MACHINE IS REPAIRED...NOW LET'S HOPE IT CAN SEARCH OUT ROBIN AND BRING HIM BACK TO US!
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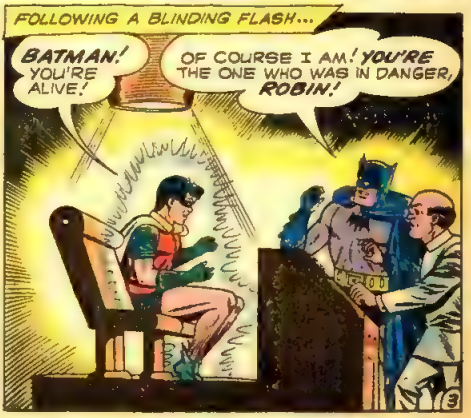
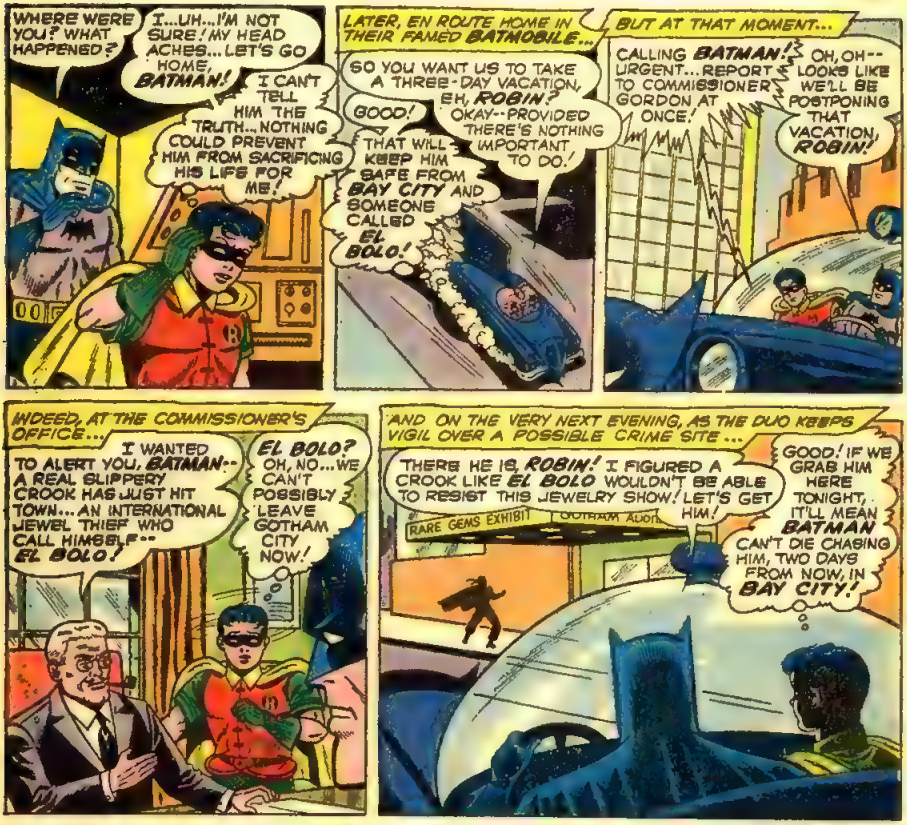
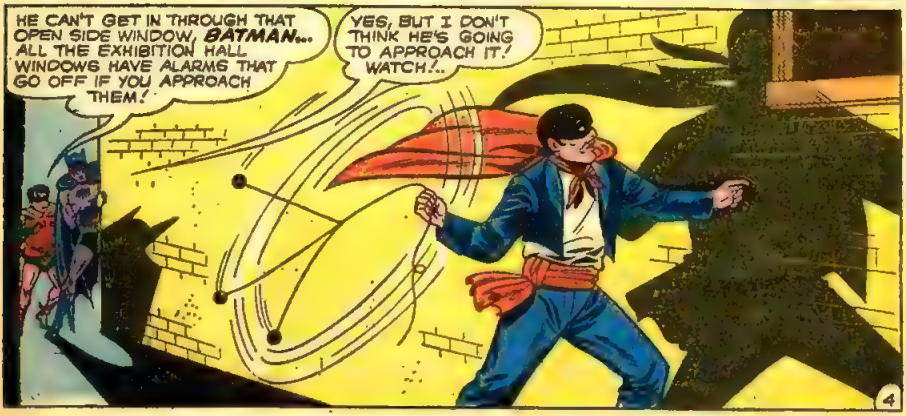

FOLLOWING A BLINDING FLASH...
BATMAN! YOU'RE ALIVE!
OF COURSE I AM! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO WAS IN DANGER, ROBIN!


WHERE WERE YOU? WHAT HAPPENED?
I...UH...I'M NOT SURE! MY HEAD ACHES... LET'S GO HOME, BATMAN!
I CAN'T TELL HIM THE TRUTH...NOTHING COULD PREVENT HIM FROM SACRIFICING HIS LIFE FOR ME!
LATER, EN ROUTE HOME IN THEIR FAMED BATMOBILE...
SO YOU WANT US TO TAKE A THREE-DAY VACATION, EH, ROBIN?
GOOD!
OKAY--PROVIDED THERE'S NOTHING IMPORTANT TO DO!
THAT WILL KEEP HIM SAFE FROM BAY CITY AND SOMEONE CALLED EL BOLO!
BUT AT THAT MOMENT...
CALLING BATMAN! URGENT...REPORT TO COMMISSIONER GORDON AT ONCE!
OH, OH--LOOKS LIKE WE'LL BE POSTPONING THAT VACATION, ROBIN!

INDEED, AT THE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE...
I WANTED TO ALERT YOU, BATMAN--A REAL SLIPPERY CROOK HAS JUST HIT TOWN...AN INTERNATIONAL JEWEL THIEF WHO CALL HIMSELF--EL BOLO!
EL BOLO? OH, NO...WE CAN'T POSSIBLY LEAVE GOTHAM CITY NOW!
AND ON THE VERY NEXT EVENING, AS THE DUO KEEPS VIGIL OVER A POSSIBLE CRIME SITE...
THERE HE IS, ROBIN! I FIGURED A CROOK LIKE EL BOLO WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO RESIST THIS JEWELRY SHOW! LET'S GET HIM!
RARE GEMS EXHIBIT
GOOD! IF WE GRAB HIM HERE TONIGHT, IT'LL MEAN BATMAN CAN'T DIE CHASING HIM, TWO DAYS FROM NOW, IN BAY CITY!


HE CAN'T GET IN THROUGH THAT OPEN SIDE WINDOW, BATMAN... ALL THE EXHIBITION HALL WINDOWS HAVE ALARMS THAT GO OFF IF YOU APPROACH THEM!
YES, BUT I DON'T THINK HE'S GOING TO APPROACH IT! WATCH!..
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WITH A DEFT FLIP OF THE WRIST...
WOW! HE THREW THAT BOLO INSIDE WITH A WIRE ATTACHED, AND NABBED A CASE OF JEWELS!
THAT'S THE PROOF WE NEED... LET'S GRAB HIM!
AND AS THE SOUND OF RUNNING FEET ALERTS EL BOLO...
THERE HE GOES, OVER THAT WIRE FENCE!
THAT WON'T GET HIM VERY FAR...
BUT JUST AS THE CRIME FIGHTERS PREPARE TO MOUNT THE METAL FENCE...
WAIT, ROBIN! THAT BOLO HE THREW IS ELECTRICALLY CHARGED! THERE'S HIGH VOLTAGE RUNNING THROUGH THAT FENCE!
BZZZZZZ
HA, HA! ADIOS, SEÑOR BATMAN!
THUS STYMIED, BATMAN AND ROBIN SEARCH ABOUT FOR A POSSIBLE LEAD...
LOOK, BATMAN... A TRAIL OF BLUE AND RED PARTICLES!
HMM... LOOKS LIKE COLORED SAWDUST! ONLY ONE PLACE USES THAT-- A CIRCUS!
HMM... CLAY BROTHERS' CIRCUS DOES A CHARITY SHOW EACH YEAR AT THIS TIME!
SURE... IT'S A REAL SWANK AFFAIR! LOTS OF MINK COATS AND DIAMONDS... EL BOLO'S SPECIALTY!
BUT WAIT... THAT CIRCUS IS HELD IN BAY CITY! WE CAN'T GO THERE, BATMAN!
WHY NOT? STRANGE, ROBIN... EVER SINCE THAT TIME TRIP, YOU'VE BEEN A BUNDLE OF NERVES! COME ON NOW-- WE'VE GOT A JOB TO DO... IN BAY CITY!

SO THE FOLLOWING NIGHT, WITH A BLARE OF CALLIOPE AND TATTOO OF DRUMS...
AND NOW, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, A NEW MEMBER OF OUR COMPANY--THAT SHARPSHOOTER FROM SOUTH OF THE BORDER, SEÑOR LOPEZ! AND KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE CANNON FOR THE FLYING LAMBERTIS!
LITTLE DOES THE RINGMASTER REALIZE THE TRUE IDENTITY OF "SEÑOR LOPEZ"...
:HA, HA: WHEN I RELEASE THIS SLEEPING GAS BOLO, IT WILL KNOCK OUT THE WHOLE AUDIENCE! THEN I SLIP ON MY GAS MASK AND COLLECT A FEW DIAMONDS!
BUT THE "FLYING LAMBERTIS" HAVE ANOTHER PLAN...
BOOM!
EH?... BATMAN AND ROBIN!
RIGHT...WHEN THE MANAGER TOLD US HE'D HIRED A NEW BOLO MASTER, WE HAD NO TROUBLE FIGURING OUT THE REST!
AS THE DYNAMIC DUO COMES BOUNDING BACK FROM THE NET, HOWEVER...
LOOK OUT, ROBIN!... HE'S GOT A SMOKE BOLO!
:CHOKE: CAN'T SEE...WHERE ARE YOU, ROBIN?
I'M HERE, BATMAN :COUGH: BUT EL BOLO GOT AWAY!

BY THE TIME THEY RACE OUTSIDE...
HE STOLE A CIRCUS TRUCK FOR HIS GETAWAY!
THAT SHOULDN'T BE HARD TO TRAIL!
DIRECTED BY PEOPLE WHO SAW THE COLORFUL VEHICLE, BATMAN AND ROBIN SOON REACH A LONELY, DESERTED ROAD...
THE TRUCK DISAPPEARED... THERE'S NOTHING BUT THAT CLIFF AHEAD!
AND A TV TOWER--JUST THE WAY THE NEWSPAPER REPORTED IT! OH, BATMAN, HOW CAN I KEEP YOU FROM MEETING YOUR FATE?
DANGER CLIFF AHEAD
LOOKS LIKE HE RODE OFF THE CLIFF...AND HE COULDN'T POSSIBLY HAVE SURVIVED THAT CRASH!
YOU'RE RIGHT... THAT MEANS OUR JOB IS DONE! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE, BATMAN!
HMM--WAIT... FOOTPRINTS GOING AWAY FROM THE CLIFF! THAT MEANS EL BOLO PUSHED THE TRUCK OVER AND IS PLAYING DEAD! HE'S HIDING OUT SOMEWHERE IN THE AREA! I'LL RETURN HERE TOMORROW--ALONE... ROBIN IS STILL TOO NERVOUS FROM THAT TIME TRIP!
BUT THE FOLLOWING DAY, IT IS ROBIN, NOT BATMAN, WHO MOUNTS THE TV TOWER...
I KNOW EL BOLO IS ALIVE, BECAUSE THE NEWSPAPER OF THE FUTURE SAID HE FOUGHT BATMAN HERE--TODAY! BUT BATMAN STILL THINKS HE'S DEAD--SO I'LL DO THE FIGHTING!
EL BOLO! YOU PICKED YOURSELF A GOOD HIDEOUT!
ROBIN! YOU FOUND ME OUT! VERY WELL... I SURRENDER! HERE, I HAND OVER MY WEAPON TO YOU!

BUT, SUDDENLY, WITH A QUICK WRIST MOTION...
WHAT--? IT WAS A TRICK!
BUT OF COURSE, MY LITTLE BIRD!
WELL, I'M GLAD IT WAS I YOU CAPTURED -- NOT BATMAN! HE'S MORE IMPORTANT TO THE WORLD -- SO DO WHATEVER YOU WANT WITH ME!
COURAGEOUSLY SPOKEN... NOW, WE SHALL SEE HOW BRAVE YOU REALLY ARE!
BUT AT THAT INSTANT...
BATMAN!
OH, NO! IT'S ALL COMING TRUE! BATMAN WILL DIE HERE, PROTECTING ME!
LOOK OUT, BATMAN!... HE'S GOT A BLADED BOLO! IF IT HITS YOUR ROPE, IT'LL SLASH IT IN TWO!
CORRECT, SEÑOR ROBIN... AND EL BOLO NEVER MISSES!
THE WHIRLING BLADES FLY THROUGH THE AIR, AND...
SNAP!
Y-YOU'VE KILLED HIM! YOU KILLED BATMAN!
WHILE DOWN BELOW, WHERE A CROWD HAS GATHERED...
WOW! BATMAN FALLING TO HIS DOOM! I'VE GOT TO PHONE THIS INTO MY PAPER -- AT ONCE!

YET, EVEN AS THE STORY GOES OUT TO THE PRESS...

BATMAN--YOU ARE NOT DEAD! THAT WAS A DUMMY THAT FELL!

RIGHT...TO CATCH YOU BY SURPRISE! AND THIS TIME, I BROUGHT ALONG A LITTLE BOLO OF MY OWN!

IT'S MADE OF TWO BASEBALLS AND SOME FISHING TACKLE!

GOLLY...I--I CAN'T BELIEVE IT... BATMAN ALIVE, AFTER ALL!

AIEEE!

THEN, AS BATMAN EXPLAINS ALL...

I FIGURED THIS TOWER MIGHT BE A GOOD HIDEOUT FOR EL BOLO! HE WASN'T HERE WHEN I ARRIVED, BUT I SPOTTED HIM RETURNING WITH SUPPLIES--SO I HID MYSELF AND THE DUMMY I'D BROUGHT ALONG ON THE TOP PLATFORM!

AND LATER, IT'S ROBIN'S TURN TO DO SOME EXPLAINING...

...AND THERE'S THE HEADLINE I SAW, WHEN I WAS IN THE FUTURE! IT WAS PRINTED UP BEFORE THE TRUE STORY WAS FINALLY REVEALED!

HA, HA! NO WONDER YOU'D BEEN TREATING ME LIKE A DOOMED MAN THESE PAST THREE DAYS!

BATMAN IS DEAD!!

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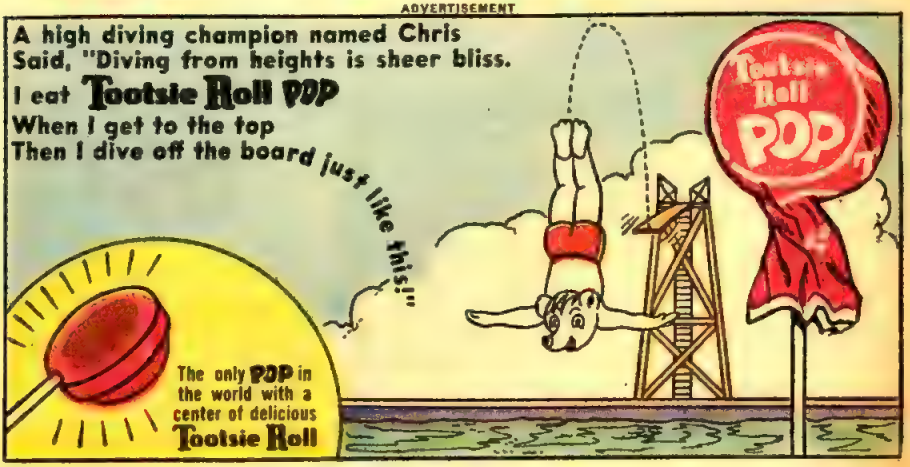

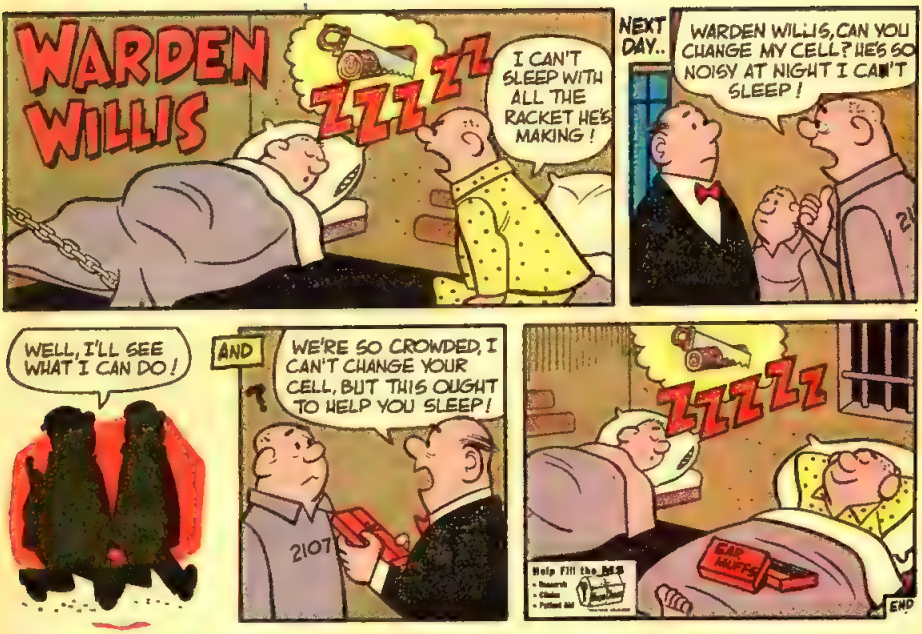
WARDEN WILLIS
ZZZZZ
I CAN'T SLEEP WITH ALL THE RACKET HE'S MAKING!
NEXT DAY..
WARDEN WILLIS, CAN YOU CHANGE MY CELL? HE'S SO NOISY AT NIGHT I CAN'T SLEEP!
WELL, I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO!
AND
WE'RE SO CROWDED, I CAN'T CHANGE YOUR CELL, BUT THIS OUGHT TO HELP YOU SLEEP!
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Dear Editor:

I've been a BATMAN fan for many years, and I would like to make a suggestion. How about a page of letters from your readers? Every once in a while, I have a question to ask about BATMAN and ROBIN—I'm sure others do, too—and I think a letter page would be a good way of answering them. Also, it would give readers a chance to make suggestions of their own.

Larry Graff, Chicago, Ill.

(We agree with you, Larry, and so do many of your fellow BATMAN fans, who have suggested the same idea to us. That's why we're instituting this page, which will appear in every issue of BATMAN. Of course, we can't print all the mail we receive, so we'll pick the ones that are of greatest interest to our readers. All others we'll continue to answer through the mail. Queries and suggestions should be addressed to THE BAT-CAVE, NATIONAL COMICS, 575 LEXINGTON AVENUE, NEW YORK 22, N. Y.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

I would like to know how BATMAN met ROBIN, Also, I would like to know how BATMAN found the Bat-cave, and how BATMAN met BATWOMAN.

Frank Tugwell, Bastrop, La.

(These are some of the questions we're asked most frequently, and it would be impossible to answer each one separately. That's why, from time to time, we deal with them in the BATMAN stories themselves. You can learn all these facts by regularly following the adventures of BATMAN and ROBIN.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

Why don't you have more BATWOMAN stories in BATMAN COMICS?

Dennis Comin, Skokie, Ill.

(We plan to do just that, Dennis. As a matter of fact, you'll find the next BATWOMAN story, entitled "THE MENACE OF THE FIREFLY", in the September issue of BATMAN COMICS, No. 126—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

Does anyone besides SUPERMAN know that BATMAN and ROBIN are really Bruce Wayne and Dick Grayson? And why do they need secret identities in the first place?

Betty Freyer, Los Angeles, Cal.

(Alfred, Bruce Wayne's trusted butler, is the only other person who knows BATMAN and ROBIN'S secret identities. If the whole world knew this fact, the caped crime-busters would spend all their time having to protect themselves from attacks by enemies, and that would make them less effective as fighters for law and order.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

Recently, in WORLD'S FINEST COMICS, BATMAN and ROBIN helped SUPERMAN defeat a menace from another world. I'm wondering, though, how BATMAN and ROBIN would handle such a situation by themselves.

Hiram Jacoby, Butte, Mont.

(You'll find the answer in the August issue of DETECTIVE COMICS, No. 270, where BATMAN and ROBIN battle "THE CREATURE FROM PLANET X".—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

Who invented the Batmobile and the Bat-Plane? If they're such terrific vehicles, why can't crooks make them, too?

Arthur Botts, Brooklyn, N. Y.

(BATMAN himself designs and builds his weapons, aided by ROBIN. They keep the blueprints a strict secret, which is why criminals can't possibly make duplicates.—Ed.)

BATMAN

With ROBIN THE BOY WONDER

IN THE BAT-CAVE'S TROPHY ROOM RESTS A STRANGE SOUVENIR--A MEMENTO THAT WILL ALWAYS PUZZLE BATMAN AND ROBIN! WHERE IT CAME FROM AND HOW IT WAS OBTAINED WILL ALWAYS BE A MYSTERY TO THE PAIR! BUT YOU, THE READER, WILL RECOGNIZE IT AS A REMINDER OF THE TIME THE MIGHTY BATMAN BECAME...

KING BATMAN THE FIRST

IT'S NO USE, BATMAN! WE'LL NEVER GET BY RAKK'S CASTLE CANNON!

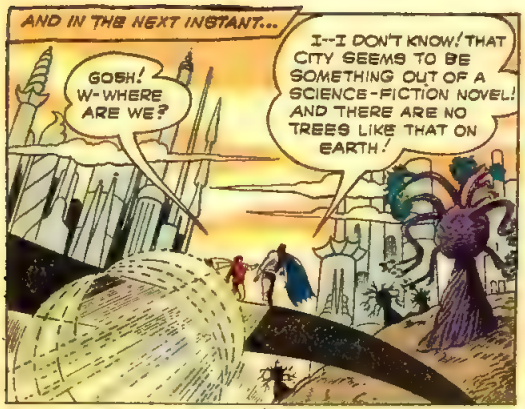
OUTSIDE GOTHAM CITY, BATMAN AND ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER, TRACK A WANTED CRIMINAL INTO A LABYRINTH OF CAVERNS...

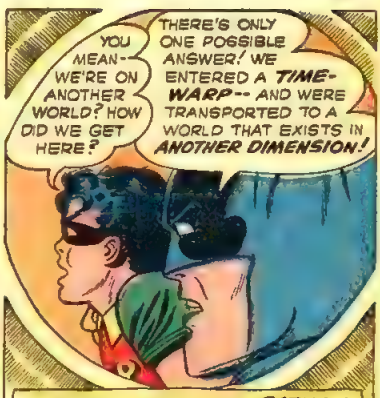
LISTEN, ROBIN--FOOTSTEPS! GURNEY'S AROUND THAT BEND! COME ON!

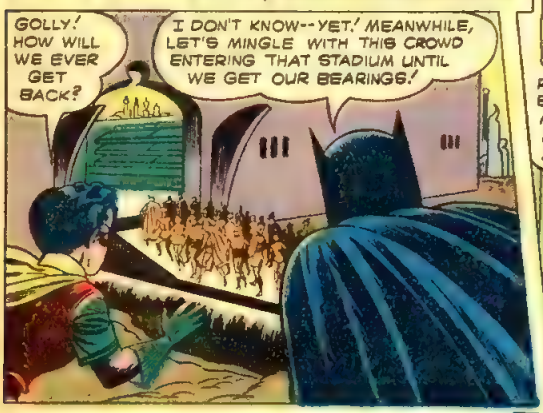
TAP! TAP! TAP!

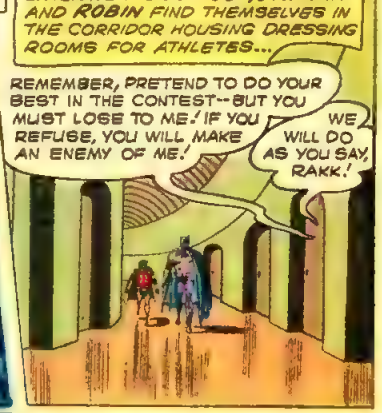
BUT AS THE CRIME-FIGHTERS MOVE FORWARD, THEY ARE SUDDENLY SEIZED BY AN EERIE FORCE...

BATMAN--WHAT'S HAPPENING TO US? THE CAVERN WALLS ARE FADING!


AND IN THE NEXT INSTANT...
GOSH! W-WHERE ARE WE?
I--I DON'T KNOW! THAT CITY SEEMS TO BE SOMETHING OUT OF A SCIENCE-FICTION NOVEL! AND THERE ARE NO TREES LIKE THAT ON EARTH!


YOU MEAN-- WE'RE ON ANOTHER WORLD? HOW DID WE GET HERE?
THERE'S ONLY ONE POSSIBLE ANSWER! WE ENTERED A TIME-WARP-- AND WERE TRANSPORTED TO A WORLD THAT EXISTS IN ANOTHER DIMENSION!


GOLLY! HOW WILL WE EVER GET BACK?
I DON'T KNOW--YET! MEANWHILE, LET'S MINGLE WITH THIS CROWD ENTERING THAT STADIUM UNTIL WE GET OUR BEARINGS!


ENTERING A SIDE DOOR, BATMAN AND ROBIN FIND THEMSELVES IN THE CORRIDOR HOUSING DRESSING ROOMS FOR ATHLETES...
REMEMBER, PRETEND TO DO YOUR BEST IN THE CONTEST--BUT YOU MUST LOSE TO ME! IF YOU REFUSE, YOU WILL MAKE AN ENEMY OF ME!
WE WILL DO AS YOU SAY, RAKK!

BUT, RAKK, WHAT ABOUT VOL? HE WILL NOT SUBMIT TO YOUR DEMANDS--AND HE IS A GREAT ATHLETE!
VOL WILL NOT BE HERE FOR THE CONTEST! I'VE ALREADY SEEN TO THAT!

GOSH, BATMAN-- THAT FELLOW RAKK IS FIXING AN ATHLETIC COMPETITION BEING HELD HERE-- SO THAT HE'LL WIN!
WE'LL HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT!

LATER, AS RAKK "VANQUISHES" HIS LAST CHALLENGER...
IF ONLY VOL WERE HERE, HE WOULD DEFEAT RAKK--BUT VOL HAS DISAPPEARED!
IS THERE NO ONE ELSE WHO WILL ENTER THE ARENA AGAINST RAKK?
SUDDENLY...
LOOK! ANOTHER ATHLETE ENTERS THE ARENA!
A MASKED CHALLENGER? WHO CAN HE BE?
YOU DARE CHALLENGE ME? WHAT PROVINCE DO YOU COME FROM--AND WHY DO YOU WEAR A MASK? WHO ARE YOU?
I AM CALLED BATMAN! I COME FROM A PLACE UNKNOWN TO YOU! AND SINCE I'M SURE THERE ARE NO RULES THAT SAY I CAN'T WEAR A MASK--LET'S START!
SOON, MOUNTED ON ROCKET "STEEDS", THE COMBATANTS MANEUVER FOR POSITION...
THE IDEA IS FOR ONE MAN TO UNSEAT THE OTHER BY PULLING HIM OFF WITH HIS LASSO. HMM! RAKK'S GOT THE JUMP ON ME!
AS THE LASSO LOOPS AT HIM, BATMAN BENDS, BUT LETS IT SNARE HIS UPTHRUST ARM...
AHH! I HAVE YOU!
BUT BEFORE RAKK CAN ACT, BATMAN WHIRLS HIS LASSO AND PULLS HARD ON BOTH ROPES!
UHHH?!
AHH!
THE MASKED CHALLENGER HAS OUTWITTED RAKK!
HURRAH FOR THE BATMAN!
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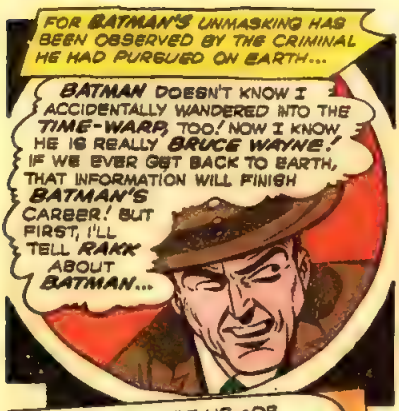
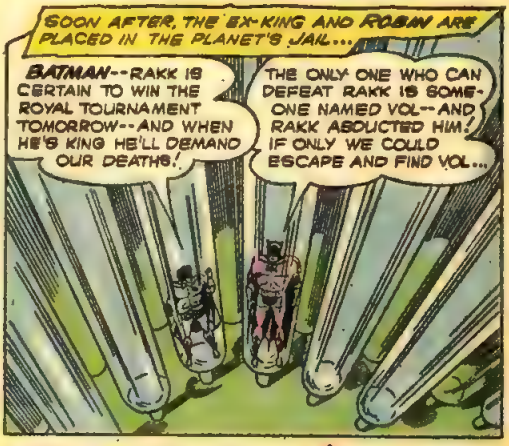
THE SECOND AND FINAL CONTEST--IN WHICH ONE COMBATANT MUST TRY TO KNOCK THE OTHER OFF FLOATING BUBBLES...
PHEW! THAT WAS CLOSE! RAKK'S TRICKY--BUT I WONDER IF HE KNOWS ANYTHING ABOUT BILLIARDS?
BATMAN'S FEET BEGIN TO CHURN, SPINNING THE BUBBLE UNDERFOOT...
ABRUPTLY, HE LEAPS TO ANOTHER PERCH--AND THE RELEASED SPHERE CAROMS FROM ONE TO ANOTHER LIKE A BILLIARD BALL UNTIL...
BONK!
BONK!
BONK!
BONK!
WHAT...?!!
AS THE CROWD ROARS ITS APPROVAL...
NOW, BATMAN, BEFORE WE AWARD YOU THE VICTOR'S PRIZE, YOU MUST REMOVE YOUR MASK!
WHY NOT? I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT REVEALING MY SECRET IDENTITY HERE ON ANOTHER WORLD!
OF COURSE, BATMAN! SURELY YOU KNOW THAT WHEN OUR OLD KING DIES, WE CHOOSE OUR NEW KING BY ATHLETIC COMPETITION!
SO THAT'S WHY RAKK WAS SO ANXIOUS TO WIN! IMAGINE--I'M KING OF A STRANGE PLANET IN ANOTHER DIMENSION!
THEN...
BATMAN, WE THE PEOPLE OF THE PLANET, PLAXIUS, HAIL ITS CHAMPION--AND HEREBY CROWN YOU KING OF PLAXIUS!
KING--KING OF THIS PLANET?
BUT UNEASY LIES THE HEAD THAT WEARS A CROWN--EVEN IN ANOTHER DIMENSION!

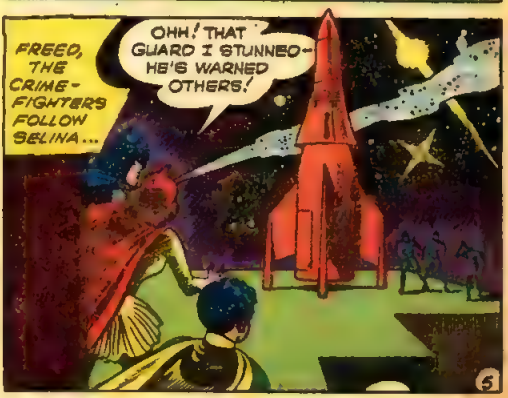

FOR BATMAN'S UNMASKING HAS BEEN OBSERVED BY THE CRIMINAL HE HAD PURSUED ON EARTH...
BATMAN DOESN'T KNOW I ACCIDENTALLY WANDERED INTO THE TIME-WARP, TOO! NOW I KNOW HE IS REALLY BRUCE WAYNE! IF WE EVER GET BACK TO EARTH, THAT INFORMATION WILL FINISH BATMAN'S CAREER! BUT FIRST, I'LL TELL RAKK ABOUT BATMAN...

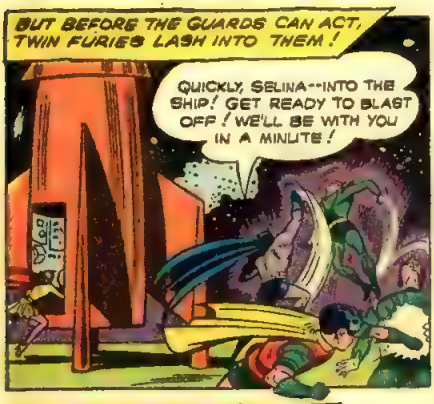
SHORTLY, RAKK'S ACCUSING VOICE STUNS THE AUDIENCE...
HEAR ME! I SAY BATMAN HAS NO RIGHT TO BE OUR KING -- FOR HE IS NOT ONE OF US! HE AND THE BOY CANNOT DENY THEY COME FROM ANOTHER WORLD!
GURNEY -- HERE! HE'S TOLD RAKK ABOUT US! AND NOW HE KNOWS MY SECRET IDENTITY, TOO!

NO ALIEN CAN RULE US -- OR ENTER THE ROYAL TOURNAMENT! THEREFORE, THE TOURNAMENT MUST BE HELD AGAIN TOMORROW -- AND YOU ALIENS MUST BE IMPRISONED UNTIL OUR NEW KING DECIDES YOUR FATE!

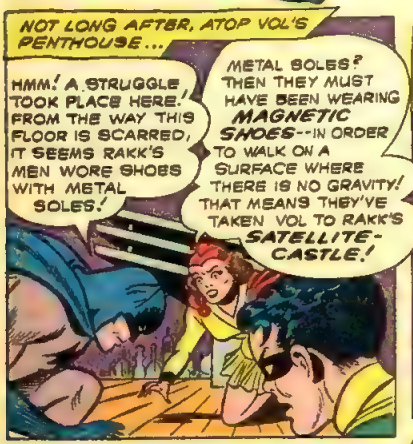

SOON AFTER, THE EX-KING AND ROBIN ARE PLACED IN THE PLANET'S JAIL...
BATMAN -- RAKK IS CERTAIN TO WIN THE ROYAL TOURNAMENT TOMORROW -- AND WHEN HE'S KING HE'LL DEMAND OUR DEATHS!
THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN DEFEAT RAKK IS SOMEONE NAMED VOL -- AND RAKK ABDUCTED HIM! IF ONLY WE COULD ESCAPE AND FIND VOL...

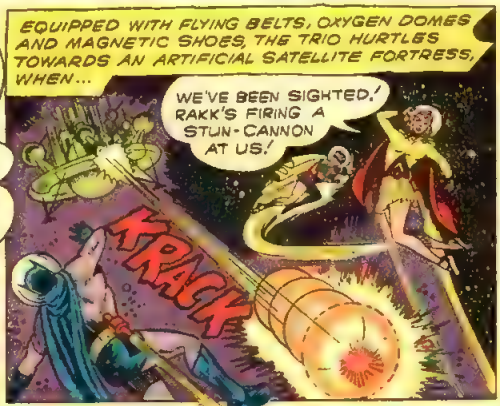
THAT IS WHY I SLIPPED IN HERE, BATMAN! I AM SELINA -- VOL'S FIANCEE! I NEED YOUR HELP! I HAVE A SHIP WAITING FOR US ON THE ROOF!

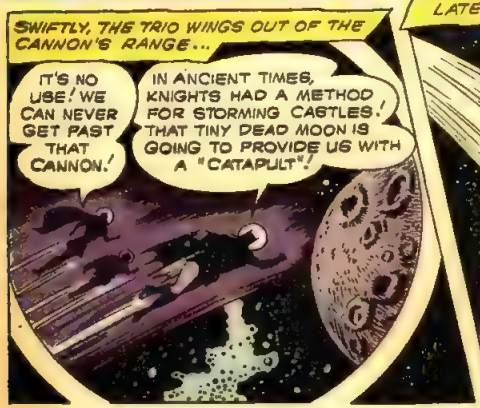

FREED, THE CRIME-FIGHTERS FOLLOW SELINA...
OHH! THAT GUARD I STUNNED -- HE'S WARNED OTHERS!


BUT BEFORE THE GUARDS CAN ACT, TWIN FURIES LASH INTO THEM!
QUICKLY, SELINA--INTO THE SHIP! GET READY TO BLAST OFF! WE'LL BE WITH YOU IN A MINUTE!

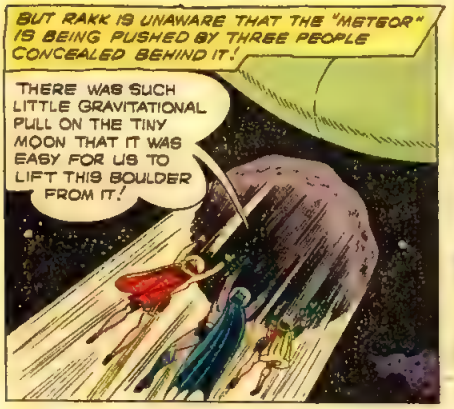
AND INSTANTS LATER...
WHERE TO NOW, BATMAN?
TO VOL'S HOME, SELINA! PERHAPS WE'LL FIND A CLUE THAT WILL TELL US WHERE RAKK TOOK VOL!

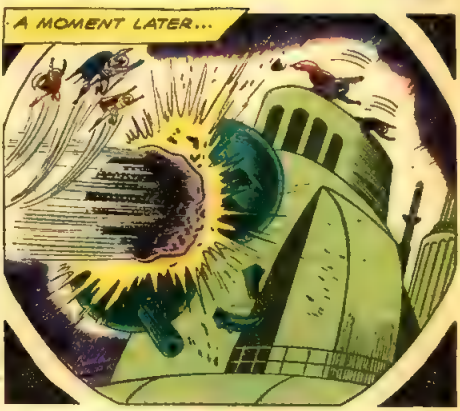

NOT LONG AFTER, ATOP VOL'S PENTHOUSE...
HMM! A STRUGGLE TOOK PLACE HERE! FROM THE WAY THIS FLOOR IS SCARRED, IT SEEMS RAKK'S MEN WORE SHOES WITH METAL SOLES!
METAL SOLES? THEN THEY MUST HAVE BEEN WEARING MAGNETIC SHOES--IN ORDER TO WALK ON A SURFACE WHERE THERE IS NO GRAVITY! THAT MEANS THEY'VE TAKEN VOL TO RAKK'S SATELLITE-CASTLE!


EQUIPPED WITH FLYING BELTS, OXYGEN DOMES AND MAGNETIC SHOES, THE TRIO HURTLES TOWARDS AN ARTIFICIAL SATELLITE FORTRESS, WHEN...
WE'VE BEEN SIGHTED! RAKK'S FIRING A STUN-CANNON AT US!
KRACK


SWIFTLY, THE TRIO WINGS OUT OF THE CANNON'S RANGE...
IT'S NO USE! WE CAN NEVER GET PAST THAT CANNON!
IN ANCIENT TIMES, KNIGHTS HAD A METHOD FOR STORMING CASTLES! THAT TINY DEAD MOON IS GOING TO PROVIDE US WITH A "CATAPULT"!

LATER...
RAKK--LOOK!
A METEOR--COMING RIGHT AT THE CASTLE!


BUT RAKK IS UNAWARE THAT THE "METEOR" IS BEING PUSHED BY THREE PEOPLE CONCEALED BEHIND IT!
THERE WAS SUCH LITTLE GRAVITATIONAL PULL ON THE TINY MOON THAT IT WAS EASY FOR US TO LIFT THIS BOULDER FROM IT!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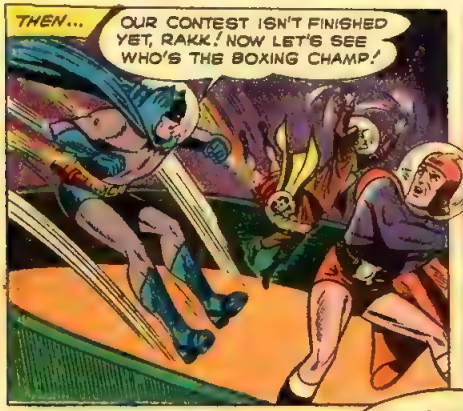
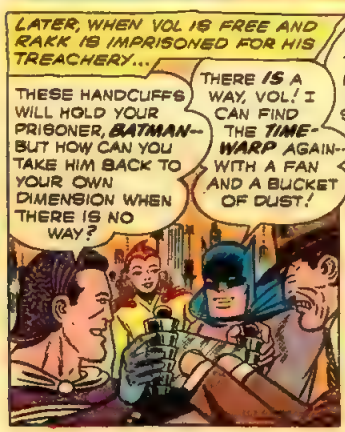
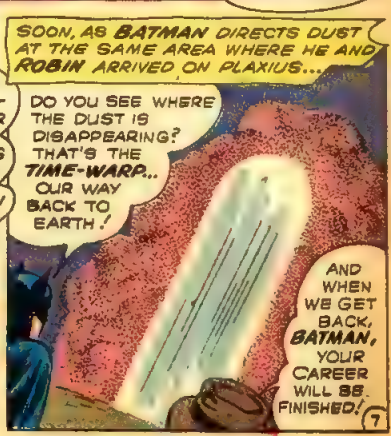

THEN...
OUR CONTEST ISN'T FINISHED YET, RAKK! NOW LET'S SEE WHO'S THE BOXING CHAMP!

SORRY, RAKK-- YOU'D NEVER EVEN MAKE THE SEMI-FINALS!


LATER, WHEN VOL IS FREE AND RAKK IS IMPRISONED FOR HIS TREACHERY...
THESE HANDCUFFS WILL HOLD YOUR PRISONER, BATMAN-- BUT HOW CAN YOU TAKE HIM BACK TO YOUR OWN DIMENSION WHEN THERE IS NO WAY?
THERE IS A WAY, VOL! I CAN FIND THE TIME-WARP AGAIN-- WITH A FAN AND A BUCKET OF DUST!

BUT, BATMAN, IF WE TAKE GURNEY BACK, TOO, HE'LL REVEAL YOUR SECRET IDENTITY TO THE WHOLE WORLD!
I KNOW, ROBIN-- BUT OUR JOB IS TO BRING GURNEY TO JUSTICE!


SOON, AS BATMAN DIRECTS DUST AT THE SAME AREA WHERE HE AND ROBIN ARRIVED ON PLAXIUS...
DO YOU SEE WHERE THE DUST IS DISAPPEARING? THAT'S THE TIME-WARP... OUR WAY BACK TO EARTH!
AND WHEN WE GET BACK, BATMAN, YOUR CAREER WILL BE FINISHED!

BIDDING FAREWELL TO THEIR FRIENDS OF PLAXIUS, THE CRIME-FIGHTERS ENTER THE **TIME-WARP** WITH THEIR CAPTIVE...

FAREWELL, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN!** YOU CARRY OUR GRATITUDE WITH YOU!

AND A TIME-TICK LATER, THREE CONFUSED PEOPLE STARE AT EACH OTHER...

BATMAN--IT'S GURNEY--AND HE'S OUR PRISONER! BUT I DON'T REMEMBER US CAPTURING HIM!

WHAT GOES ON? ONE MINUTE AGO, I WAS ESCAPING FROM YOU--AND NOW I'M CAUGHT! HOW'D YOU DO IT? WHAT HAPPENED?

BUT THE EARTHLINGS WILL NEVER KNOW--FOR IN THE RETURN TRIP, THE **TIME-WARP** SOMEHOW AFFECTS THEIR MEMORIES--WIPING OUT REMEMBRANCES OF THEIR TRIP TO PLAXIUS!

BATMAN--THOSE STRANGE HANDCUFFS ON GURNEY--DID YOU PUT THEM ON HIM?

N-NO! I'VE NEVER SEEN THEM BEFORE! I DON'T UNDERSTAND...

AND SO BECAUSE GURNEY CANNOT REMEMBER **BATMAN'S** SECRET IDENTITY, **BATMAN'S** CAREER IS SAVED--AND A MYSTERY MEMENTO COMES TO REST IN THE **BAT-CAVE'S TROPHY ROOM**...

IT'S ODD, **BATMAN**--BUT I KEEP THINKING I'VE SEEN THOSE HANDCUFFS BEFORE--BUT I CAN'T RECALL WHERE...

I, TOO, **ROBIN**--BUT I'M AFRAID THIS TROPHY WILL ALWAYS BE THE ONE MYSTERY WE'LL NEVER SOLVE!

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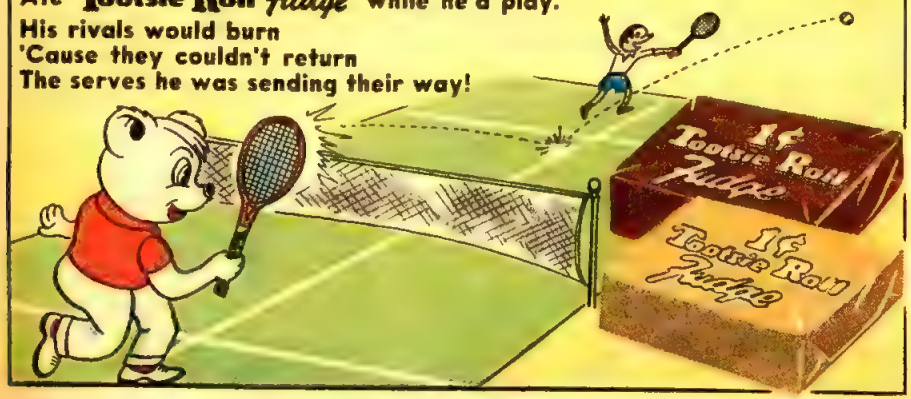

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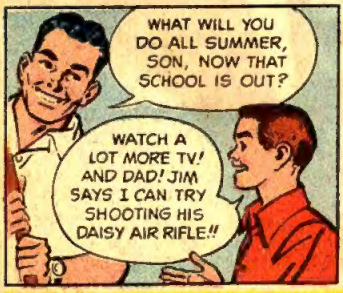
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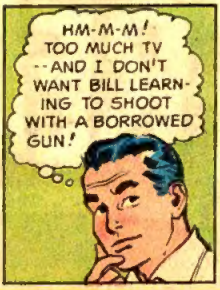

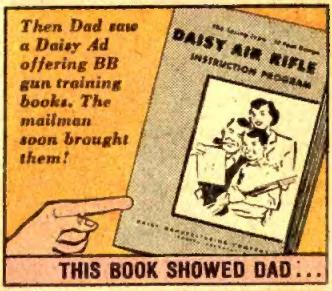
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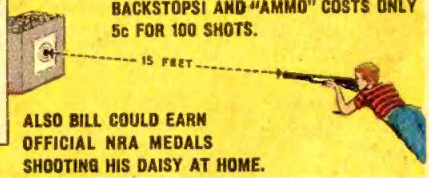

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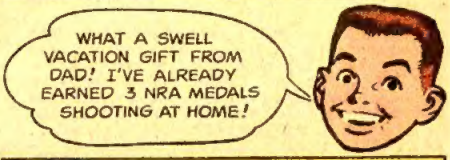

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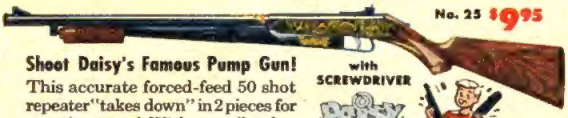

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